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ANNOUNCEMENT

TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of NWS Holdings Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") announces that Mr. Chan Kam Ling, the chief executive officer and an executive director of the Company ("**Mr. Chan**"), will take a temporary leave of absence for health reason with immediate effect.

During Mr. Chan's temporary leave of absence, whilst Mr. Chan will continue to discharge his duties as a director of the Company by, among other things, providing advice and guidance on strategies and participating in major decisions of the Group, the day-to-day management responsibilities of Mr. Chan in the Company will be vested in the executive committee of the Board which comprises all the executive directors of the Company.

By order of the Board
Dr. Cheng Kar Shun, Henry
Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 February 2009

As at the date of this announcement: (a) the executive directors of the Company are Dr. Cheng Kar Shun, Henry, Mr. Doo Wai Hoi, William, Mr. Chan Kam Ling, Mr. Tsang Yam Pui, Mr. Wong Kwok Kin, Andrew, Mr. Lam Wai Hon, Patrick, Mr. Cheung Chin Cheung and Mr. William Junior Guilherme Doo; (b) the non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Wilfried Ernst Kaffenberger (alternate director to Mr. Wilfried Ernst Kaffenberger: Mr. Yeung Kun Wah, David), Mr. To Hin Tsun, Gerald and Mr. Dominic Lai; and (c) the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Kwong Che Keung, Gordon, Mr. Cheng Wai Chee, Christopher and The Honourable Shek Lai Him, Abraham.

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